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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 192

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PETROLEUM/OIL-GAS: Urges and requests the governor and the attorney general to file lawsuit against the responsible parties in Deepwater Horizon incident

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the governor and the attorney general of the state to hastily determine
3 who is at fault and then timely pursue actions against those responsible for the
4 resulting oil spill caused by the explosion that occurred on the rig Deepwater
5 Horizon.

6 WHEREAS, on April 20, 2010, an explosion occurred on the rig Deepwater Horizon
7 which resulted in the fire that eventually sank the rig, killed at least eleven crewmen, and
8 threatens Louisiana's delicate coast and industries that rely on the coast with thousands of
9 barrels of oil spewing from five thousand feet on the ocean bottom; and

10 WHEREAS, it is predicted that leaking oil will threaten the state's natural resources,
11 including land, water, fish, wildlife, fowl, and other biota, and likewise threaten the
12 livelihoods of Louisiana's citizens living along the coast which increases the economic
13 impact of this incident; and

14 WHEREAS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration models show the oil
15 spill could reach parts of the Louisiana coastline by Thursday, April 29, 2010, and proceed
16 into the Breton Sound and Chandeleur Sound by Saturday, May 1, 2010; at this time, the
17 Pass a L'Outre Wildlife Management Area is expected to see the first impact of the oil spill;
18 and

WHEREAS, a minimum of ten additional state and national wildlife management areas and wildlife refuges in Louisiana and Mississippi are in the direct path of the oil plume and can be expected to be impacted; the Barataria-Terrebonne Estuary, Biloxi Wildlife

1 Management Area, the Breton National Wildlife Refuge, Buccaneer State Park (MS), the
2 Sandhill Crane National Wildlife Refuge (MS), the Gulf Islands National Seashore National
3 Park (MS), Grand Bay National Wildlife Refuge (MS), and Bon Secour National Wildlife
4 Refuge (MS) are all in the direct path of the plume; and

5 WHEREAS, Louisiana's coastline is comprised of 3.5 million acres of coastal
6 wetlands, which represent approximately forty percent of all the coastal wetlands in the
7 continental United States; furthermore, billions of dollars in ongoing coastal restoration
8 projects may be at risk because of this emergency; and

9 WHEREAS, this incident will have a long-lasting impact upon the state's natural
10 resources, including land, water, fish, wildlife, fowl, and other biota, and likewise on the
11 livelihoods of Louisiana's citizens living along the coast which increases the economic
12 impact of this incident; and

13 WHEREAS, it is imperative that we immediately determine who is at fault and then
14 timely pursue actions against such parties.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
16 urge and request the governor of the state of Louisiana and the attorney general of the state
17 of Louisiana to hastily determine the parties who are at fault in this incident and then timely
18 pursue actions against such parties.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
20 governor and the attorney general.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests the governor of the state of La. and the attorney general of the state of La. to hastily determine the parties who are at fault in this incident and then timely pursue actions against such parties.